

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 8, 9 and 23 are pending. Independent claims 1, 5 and 23 have been amended to recite, in substance, a method or a system whereby a user of a particular remotely located medical diagnostic imaging system of a particular system type may download a training video that provides instruction concerning the use of imaging systems of that particular type from a video library to the particular imaging system and then view the downloaded training video of that particular imaging system before performing an exam using that system. System claims 5 and 23 recite, in substance, that the video library or database contains training videos for a multiplicity of medical diagnostic imaging systems of different types, which video library or database is accessible by any one of a multiplicity of medical diagnostic imaging systems of different types connected to the network. The provision of a network of remotely located medical diagnostic imaging systems that can each download appropriate imaging system training videos from a central location is a feature that is not obvious in view of the prior art of record.

In ¶ 4 of the Office Action, claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Applicants submit that this ground of rejection has been mooted by cancellation of claim 22.

In ¶ 7 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-9, and 19-28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over the Levy patent in view of Ramshaw and Sawa. The Applicants traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

The Levy patent discloses a teleconferencing system in which the video communications between two locations are bidirectional. The "direct link" referred to in column 4, line 54, is irrelevant to the video communications, but rather simply relates to the transmission of readings from the remote site to the host site. Instead the video communications are between the host site and a portable computer at the remote site. It would not be obvious to eliminate the portable computer and have the host site communicate directly with each imaging system since this would require that a teleconferencing capability be built into each imaging system. Such a suggestion teaches away from the Levy system, which is directed (see claim 1 of Levy) to a medical application having a recognition system in view of a video input device of the remote site computer. Levy neither discloses nor suggests the downloading of a training video to a medical diagnostic imaging system, which capability would render the invention of Levy superfluous. The Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be obvious to render the teaching of Levy superfluous.

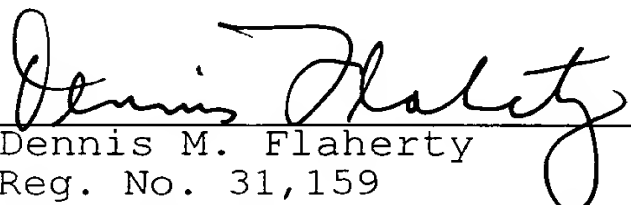
Moreover, the Ramshaw patent also does not disclose or suggest the downloading of a training video to a medical diagnostic imaging system. Figures 1A and 1B of Ramshaw show

only computer systems, not an imaging system. While the Examiner might fairly take the position that it would be obvious to supply the portable computer of Levy with the training videos of Ramshaw, there is no justification for asserting that it would be obvious to supply the training videos of Ramshaw to an imaging system.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1, 5, 8, 9 and 23 are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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